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In working with concrete, the binding accelerating agent is an important material. Up to now, this agent could not be used in reinforced concrete because it oxidized the iron. A new material has been developed which does not affect the iron. The invention has great significance in prefabrication and in prestressing, because the units can be removed from their forms sooner.

The construction industry needs many galvanized iron pipes. These pipes have previously been manufactured from imported materials. New synthetic poly-vinyl-chloride pipes have now been produced which except for a small quantity of binder, are made of domestic materials.

PLAN METAL-COLLECTION WEEK -- Budapest, Vilagossag, 7 May 51

The Hungarian Economic Council has decided to hold a metal-collection week from 15-20 May, on the proposal of the Association of Working Youth (DISZ).

The collection is to be organized in every plant, city, and village. The collecting enterprises will pay for the nonferrous metals, iron, and other scrap collected. The collecting enterprises must remove the collected scrap within 2 weeks. In the plants, the collection will be organized by the director of the enterprise.

The collection is to be broken down among plants and shops, and the head of every shop will be held responsible for fulfilling the plan. In the cities, the councils, superintendents of apartment houses, and delegates in every building will direct the collection.

Metal-collection week is not meant to be an isolated instance of metal collection, but a step toward a systematic and permanent metal-collection drive.

INCREASE PRODUCTION OF IRON AND STEEL -- Budapest, Vilagossag, 27 Apr 51

Iron and steel production in Hungary rose by 18.2 percent during the first quarter of 1951, as compared to the corresponding quarter of 1950.

DEVELOP TWO NEW TANNING MATERIALS -- Budapest, Vilagossag, 25 Apr 51

Dr Istvan Feher, Kossuth-Prize-winning engineer, head of the research laboratory of the Leather, Shoe, and Fur Center and two of his colleagues have developed two new synthetic tanning materials. The new materials will contribute to the reduction of imports.

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